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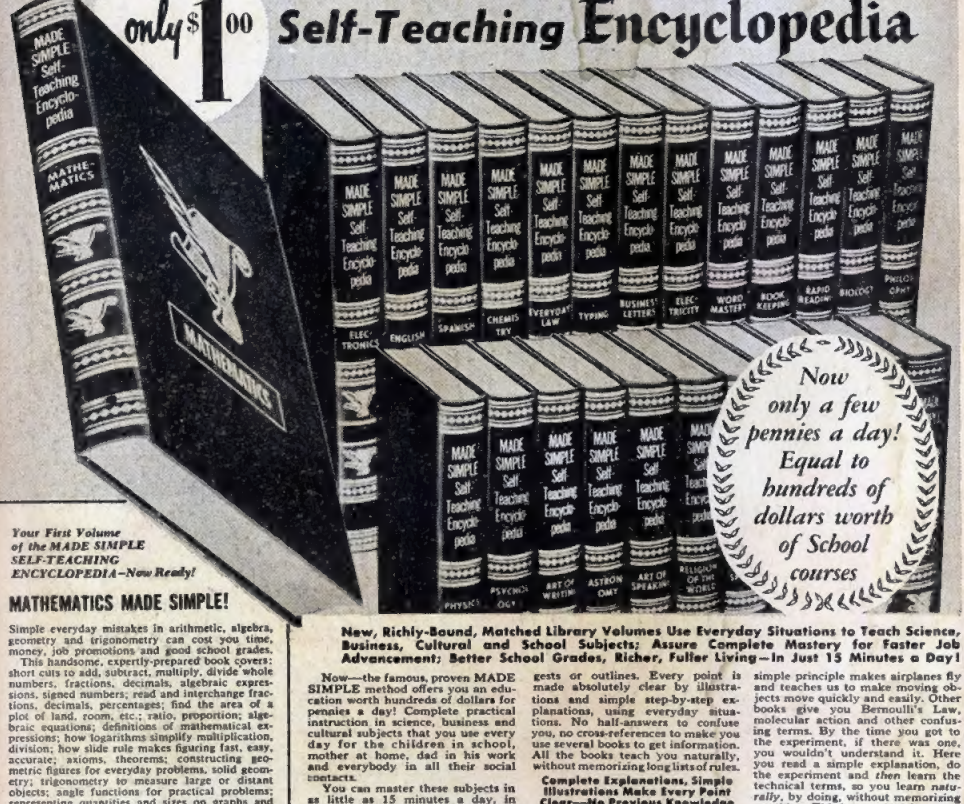

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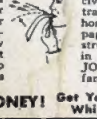

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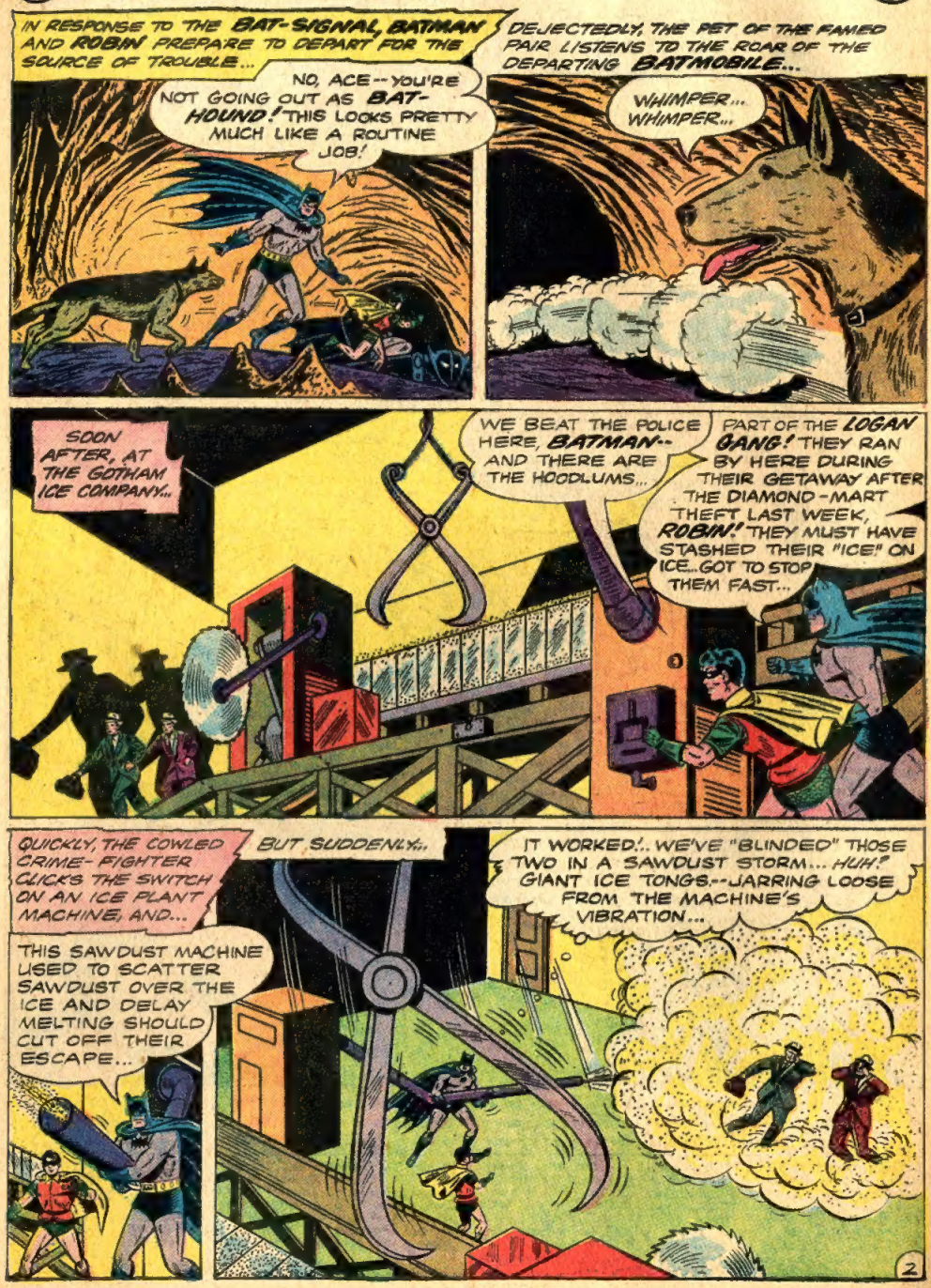
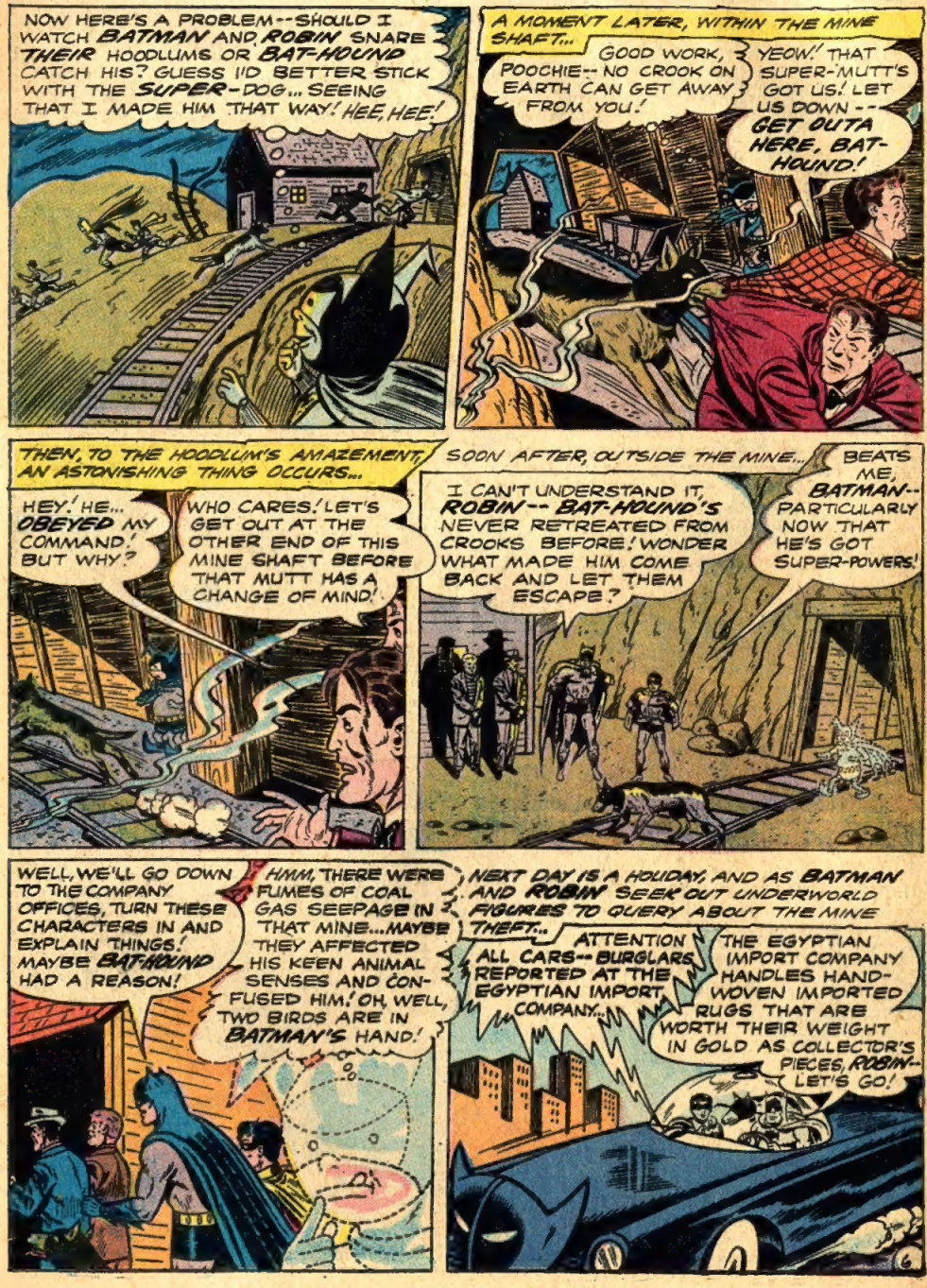

IN RESPONSE TO THE BAT-SIGNAL, BATMAN AND ROBIN PREPARE TO DEPART FOR THE SOURCE OF TROUBLE...
NO, ACE--YOU'RE NOT GOING OUT AS BAT-HOUND! THIS LOOKS PRETTY MUCH LIKE A ROUTINE JOB!
DEJECTEDLY, THE PET OF THE FAMED PAIR LISTENS TO THE ROAR OF THE DEPARTING BATMOBILE...
WHIMPER... WHIMPER...
SOON AFTER, AT THE GOTHAM ICE COMPANY...
WE BEAT THE POLICE HERE, BATMAN--AND THERE ARE THE HOODLUMS...
PART OF THE LOGAN GANG! THEY RAN BY HERE DURING THEIR GETAWAY AFTER THE DIAMOND-MART THEFT LAST WEEK, ROBIN! THEY MUST HAVE STASHED THEIR "ICE" ON ICE...GOT TO STOP THEM FAST...
QUICKLY, THE COWLED CRIME-FIGHTER CLICKS THE SWITCH ON AN ICE PLANT MACHINE, AND...
THIS SAWDUST MACHINE USED TO SCATTER SAWDUST OVER THE ICE AND DELAY MELTING SHOULD CUT OFF THEIR ESCAPE...
BUT SUDDENLY...
IT WORKED!.. WE'VE "BLINDED" THOSE TWO IN A SAWDUST STORM... HUH? GIANT ICE TONGS--JARRING LOOSE FROM THE MACHINE'S VIBRATION...

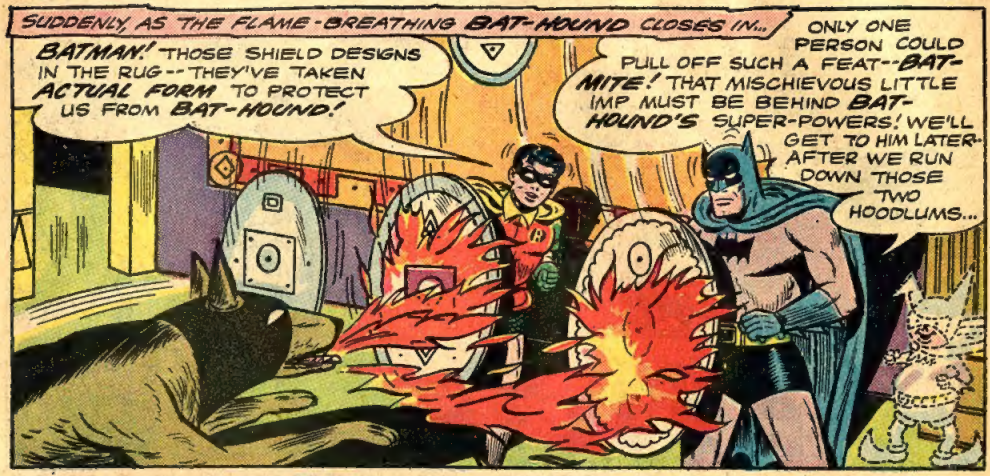
ABRUPTLY, AS BATMAN TRIES TO PUSH ROBIN ASIDE...
ROBIN... OH-H!
RRRR
MOMENTS LATER, AS THE DAZED DUO IS CARRIED TOWARD THE ICE-SHAVING MACHINE...
IT--IT'S BAT-HOUND!-- FLYING THROUGH THE AIR!
YIPES! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE FAST!
THEN...
ROBIN! HE... HE'S TEARING THE ICE-SHAVING MACHINERY APART IN HIS BARE TEETH TO SAVE US!
BUT... HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?
CRUNCH
SECONDS LATER, THE PAIR OBSERVES ANOTHER FANTASTIC SIGHT AS..
WOW! BAT-HOUND'S STOPPED THE HOODS FROM ESCAPING ON THAT ICE BARGE BY MELTING THE ICE RIGHT FROM UNDER THEM!
WITH SUPER-HEAT-VISION OF SOME KIND! BAT-HOUND'S DEVELOPED SUPER-POWERS, ROBIN! LET'S ROUND THOSE THIEVES UP!
LATER, RETURNING TO THE BAT-CAVE AFTER THE CRIMINALS HAVE BEEN TURNED IN...
GOSH, BATMAN, SOME OF OUR CHEMICAL VIALS SOMEHOW TIPPED OVER AND THE CHEMICALS SPILLED OUT! COULD THEY POSSIBLY HAVE CAUSED BAT-HOUND'S SUPER POWERS?
I... DON'T KNOW, ROBIN...

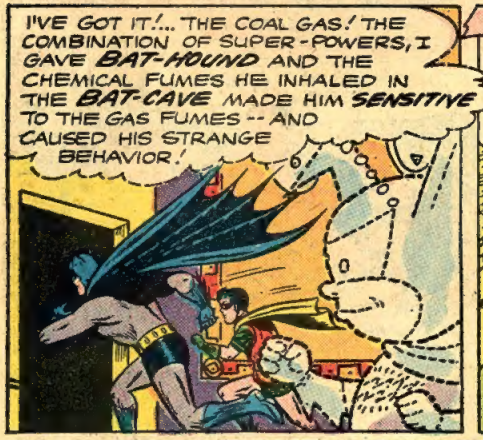
LATER, AS THE CRIME-FIGHTING TEAM ASSUME THEIR REAL-LIFE IDENTITIES OF PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...
HMM! BAT-HOUND'S BEEN AROUND THOSE CHEMICALS MANY TIMES BEFORE WHEN WE USED THEM--IT DIDN'T SEEM TO AFFECT HIM, DICK!
BOYOBOYOBOY! I'VE SURE GOT BATMAN AND ROBIN PUZZLED! HEE, HEE! WHAT FUN!
"THEY'LL NEVER DREAM THAT THEIR LITTLE PAL, BAT-MITE, DECIDED TO POP INTO THE BAT-CAVE EARLIER...
GREETINGS, ACE! SO BATMAN AND ROBIN UP AND LEFT YOU ALL ALONE, HUH, POOCH!
ARF..
EASY, EASY, FELLER! I KNOW YOU'RE GLAD TO SEE ME--BUT LET'S NOT BREAK THE PLACE UP! MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU GET INTO ACTION...
ARF! ARF!
AND WE CAN HAVE SOME FUN AT THE SAME TIME! HEE! HEE! WONDER WHAT BATMAN WOULD DO IF HIS PET SUDDENLY HAD SUPER-POWERS? LET'S TRY IT AND SEE...
ZOOSH
"THAT DOES IT, ACE! NOW GET INTO YOUR CRIME-FIGHTING BAT-HOUND GEAR AND WE'LL HAVE SOME SPORT!

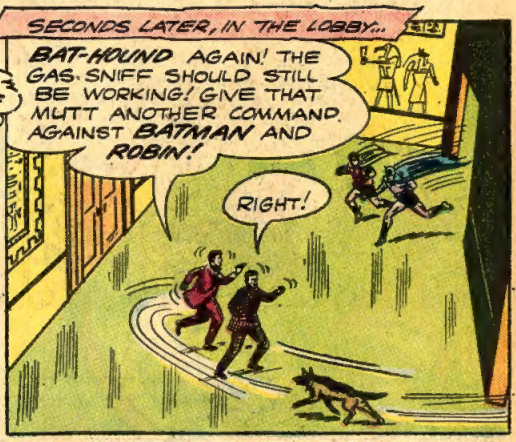
YES SIREE! ACE AND I ARE GOING TO HAVE LOTS OF FUN WITH OUR TWO PALS...
ANOTHER BAT-SIGNAL, DICK! LET'S MAKE A QUICK COSTUME CHANGE IN THE BAT-CAVE AND CHECK THE TROUBLE OUT!
SHORTLY, AS THE PAIR ONCE AGAIN BECOME BATMAN AND ROBIN...
YOU SAY THE HOLD-UP IS AT THE DALTON MINES IN THE FAR OUTSKIRTS, BATMAN! EVEN IN THE BAT-PLANE THAT WILL TAKE TIME...
YES, ROBIN, BUT FROM THE WAY OUR NEW SUPER BAT-HOUND IS BARKING, I THINK THERE MAY BE A FASTER WAY TO TRAVEL!
ARF! ARF!
SCANT MINUTES LATER, AFTER BATMAN EMPLOYS THE FASTER WAY, A BIZARRE FLIGHT TAKES PLACE...
THE MINE'S RIGHT BELOW US, ROBIN!
WOW! A SUPER-DOG TRAVELING AT SUPER-SPEED GOT US HERE IN SUPER-TIME!
AS BAT-HOUND SWOOPS DOWN FOR A LANDING...
THE HOODS ARE FLEEING IN THAT ORE CAR--BUT BAT-HOUND'S DROPPED US OFF TOO SOON!
HE'S UP TO SOMETHING, ROBIN...
THEN...
GOLLY, HE SURE DID HAVE SOMETHING IN MIND--HE'S RIPPING THAT RAIL UP AND UPSETTING THOSE CROOKS!
GOOD WORK, POOCHIE--WE'LL REALLY SHOW BATMAN A THING OR TWO BEFORE WE'RE THROUGH! HEE, HEE!
NOW LET'S DO OUR PART AND ROUND THEM UP, ROBIN...


NOW HERE'S A PROBLEM--SHOULD I WATCH BATMAN AND ROBIN SNARE THEIR HOODLUMS OR BAT-HOUND CATCH HIS? GUESS I'D BETTER STICK WITH THE SUPER-DOG... SEEING THAT I MADE HIM THAT WAY! HEE, HEE!
A MOMENT LATER, WITHIN THE MINE SHAFT...
GOOD WORK, POOCHIE--NO CROOK ON EARTH CAN GET AWAY FROM YOU!
YEOW! THAT SUPER-MUTT'S GOT US! LET US DOWN--
GET OUTA HERE, BAT-HOUND!
THEN, TO THE HOODLUM'S AMAZEMENT, AN ASTONISHING THING OCCURS...
HEY! HE... OBEYED MY COMMAND! BUT WHY?
WHO CARES! LET'S GET OUT AT THE OTHER END OF THIS MINE SHAFT BEFORE THAT MUTT HAS A CHANGE OF MIND!
SOON AFTER, OUTSIDE THE MINE...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, ROBIN--BAT-HOUND'S NEVER RETREATED FROM CROOKS BEFORE! WONDER WHAT MADE HIM COME BACK AND LET THEM ESCAPE?
BEATS ME, BATMAN--PARTICULARLY NOW THAT HE'S GOT SUPER-POWERS!
WELL, WE'LL GO DOWN TO THE COMPANY OFFICES, TURN THESE CHARACTERS IN AND EXPLAIN THINGS! MAYBE BAT-HOUND HAD A REASON!
HMM, THERE WERE FUMES OF COAL GAS SEEPAGE IN THAT MINE... MAYBE THEY AFFECTED HIS KEEN ANIMAL SENSES AND CONFUSED HIM! OH, WELL, TWO BIRDS ARE IN BATMAN'S HAND!
NEXT DAY IS A HOLIDAY, AND AS BATMAN AND ROBIN SEEK OUT UNDERWORLD FIGURES TO QUERY ABOUT THE MINE THEFT...
ATTENTION ALL CARS--BURGLARS REPORTED AT THE EGYPTIAN IMPORT COMPANY...
THE EGYPTIAN IMPORT COMPANY HANDLES HAND-WOVEN IMPORTED RUGS THAT ARE WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD AS COLLECTOR'S PIECES, ROBIN--LET'S GO!

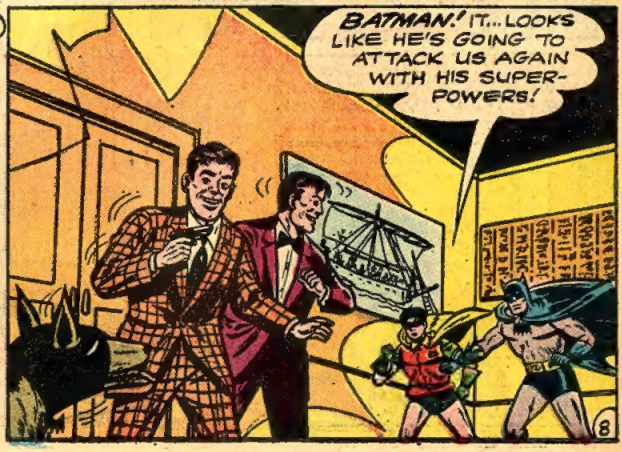
AS THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS AND THEIR SUPER BAT-HOUND REACH THE EGYPTIAN IMPORT COMPANY...
ROBIN... THOSE ARE THE TWO HOODS WHO ELUDED BAT-HOUND AT THE MINE...
AND OUR SUPER-HOUND KNOWS IT, BATMAN-- HE'S OUT TO GET THEM!
BUT IN A BLAZE OF SPEED BAT-HOUND STRIKES BEFORE TRIGGERS CAN BE SQUEEZED...
YIPES!
GOOD GOING, BAT-HOUND -- THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH HIM, ROBIN! HE'S NOT HOODLUM-SHY ANY LONGER!
THEN, AS BAT-HOUND PREPARES TO GUARD HIS FALLEN FOE, A STRANGE ACTION OCCURS...
THAT'S A NICE, DOGGIE... SNIFF DEEPLY!
BATMAN... HE'S ACTUALLY GOING TO DO IT!
HUH? BAT-HOUND IS USING THE SUPER-POWERS I GAVE HIM AGAINST MY FRIENDS... I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!
AND ABRUPTLY, A HOUSEHOLD PET BECOMES A THING OF FLAMING TERROR TO BATMAN AND ROBIN...
ATTACK BATMAN AND ROBIN -- I COMMAND YOU!


SUDDENLY, AS THE FLAME-BREATHING BAT-HOUND CLOSES IN...
BATMAN! THOSE SHIELD DESIGNS IN THE RUG--THEY'VE TAKEN ACTUAL FORM TO PROTECT US FROM BAT-HOUND!
ONLY ONE PERSON COULD PULL OFF SUCH A FEAT--BAT-MITE! THAT MISCHIEVOUS LITTLE IMP MUST BE BEHIND BAT-HOUND'S SUPER-POWERS! WE'LL GET TO HIM LATER-AFTER WE RUN DOWN THOSE TWO HOODLUMS...


I'VE GOT IT!... THE COAL GAS! THE COMBINATION OF SUPER-POWERS, I GAVE BAT-HOUND AND THE CHEMICAL FUMES HE INHALED IN THE BAT-CAVE MADE HIM SENSITIVE TO THE GAS FUMES--AND CAUSED HIS STRANGE BEHAVIOR!


SECONDS LATER, IN THE LOBBY...
BAT-HOUND AGAIN! THE GAS-SNIFF SHOULD STILL BE WORKING! GIVE THAT MUTT ANOTHER COMMAND AGAINST BATMAN AND ROBIN!
RIGHT!

BAT-HOUND! I ORDER YOU TO LEAP ON BATMAN AND ROBIN!


BATMAN! IT...LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOING TO ATTACK US AGAIN WITH HIS SUPER-POWERS!

THEN...
YEOW-W!
HE'S CURED BATMAN! HE NOT ONLY WON'T OBEY THE CROOKS -- HE'S ATTACKING THEM AS HE SHOULD DO!
HEE, HEE! I KNEW I HAD THE PROBLEM SOLVED WHEN I TOOK AWAY HIS SUPER-POWERS! THE GAS DIDN'T AFFECT HIM ANY LONGER!
POP
AND AFTER THE HOODLUMS HAVE BEEN SUBDUED, AND A SMILING LITTLE SPRITE HAS EXPLAINED TO BATMAN AND ROBIN...
SO THE CROOKS NOTICED THE COAL GAS, TOO -- AND USED IT TO TURN BAT-HOUND'S SUPER-POWERS AGAINST US!
WELL, BAT-HOUND SHOWED HE DIDN'T NEED YOUR MAGIC, BAT-MITE! WE LIKE OUR PET JUST AS HE IS -- NORMAL!
AND NOW, YOU TRICKY IMP--
OH-OH! GOOD-BYE, BATMAN! IT WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED! SEE YOU SOON! HEE, HEE!
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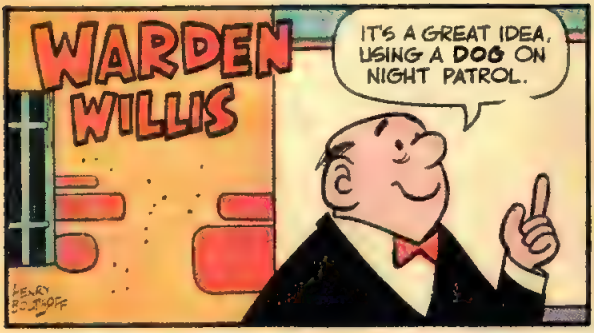
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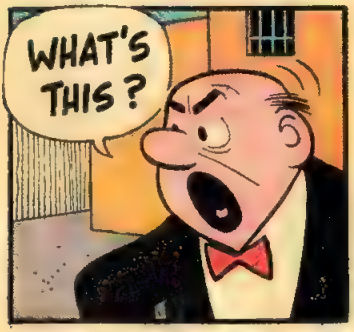
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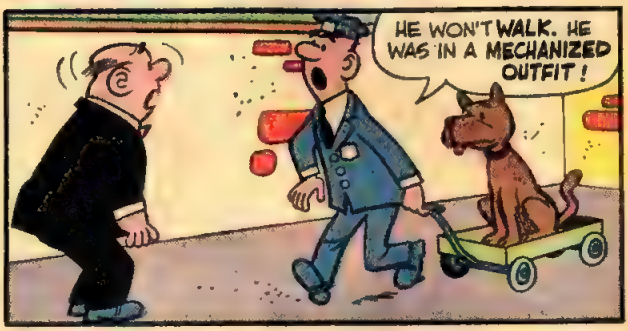
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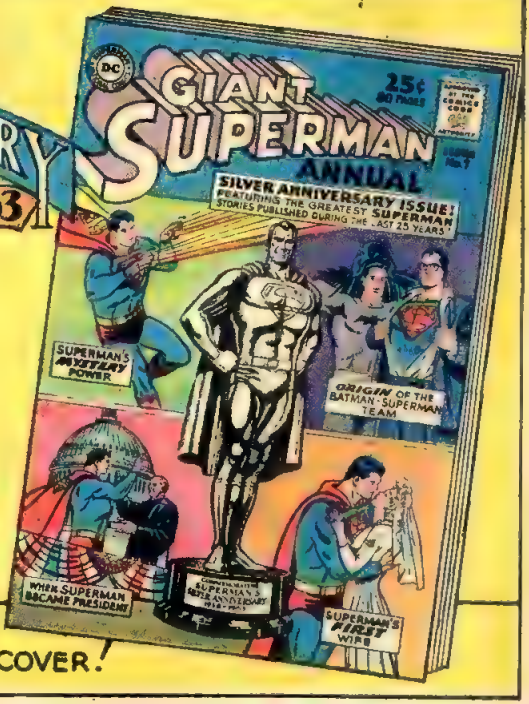

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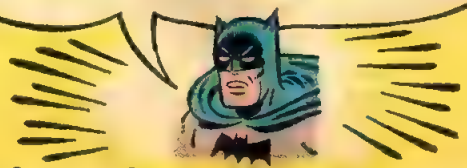

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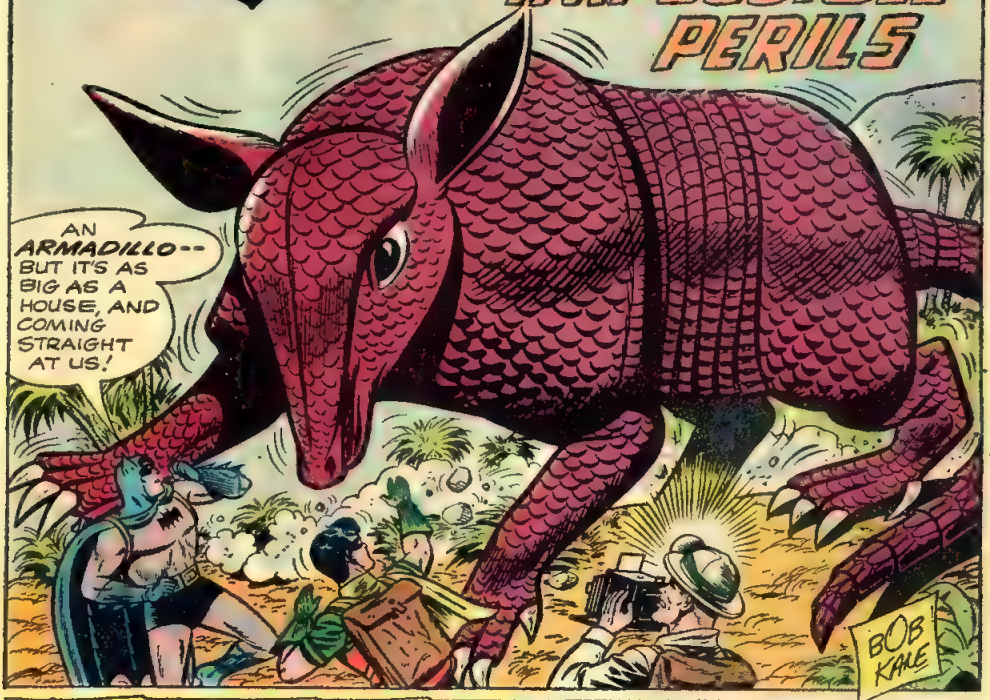
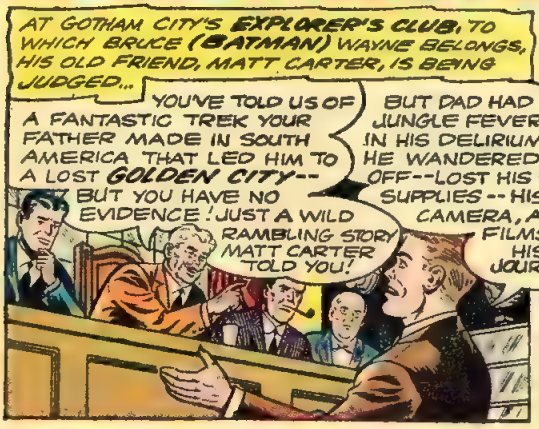
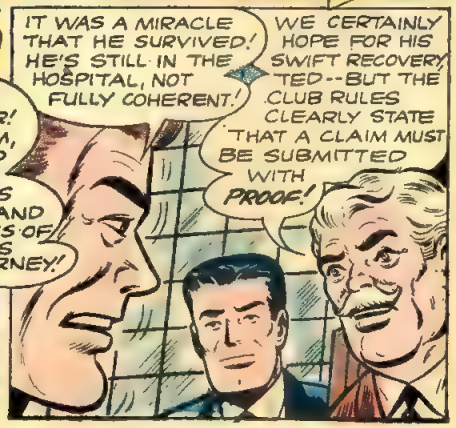
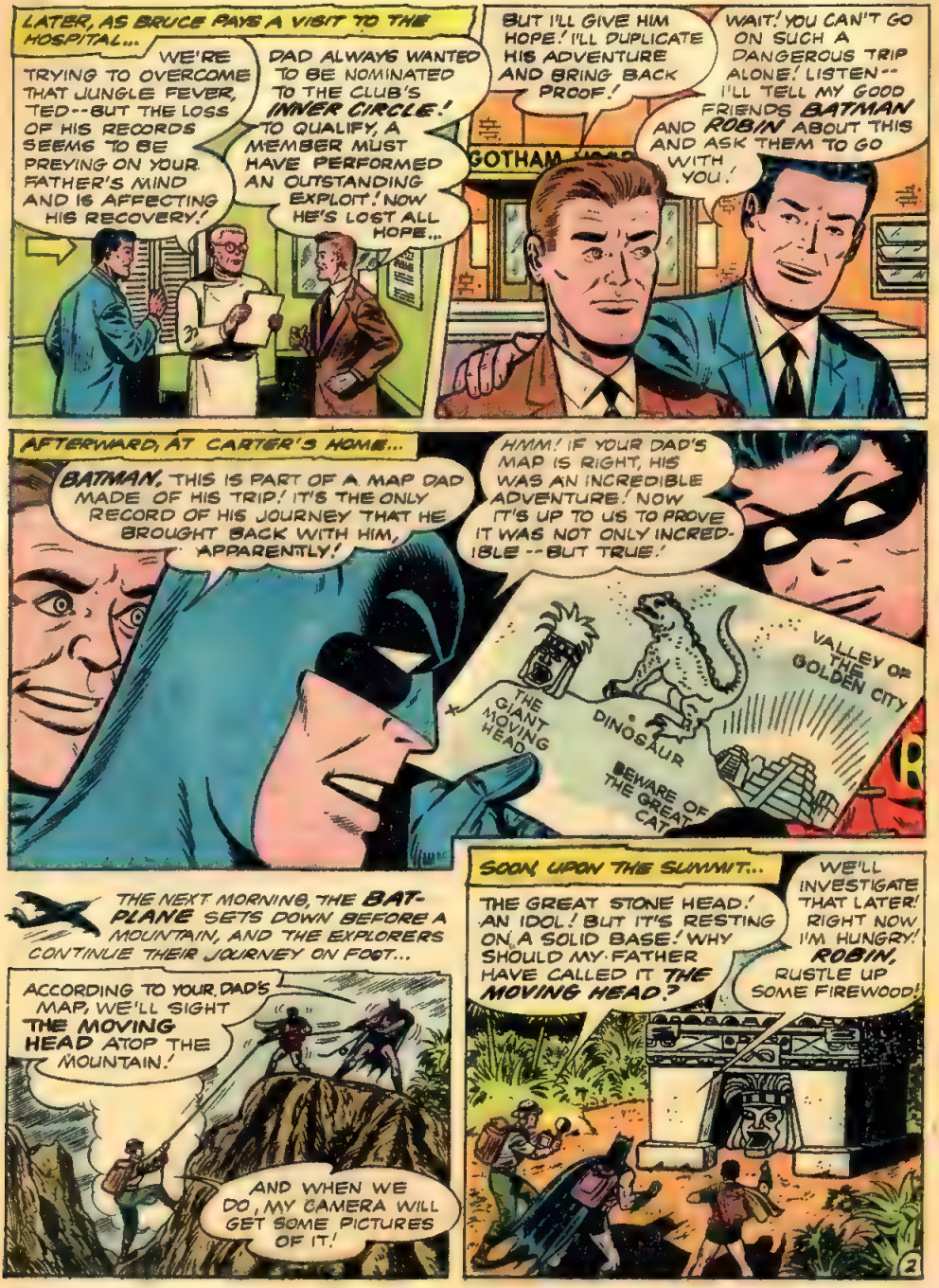


AT GOTHAM CITY'S **EXPLORER'S CLUB**, TO WHICH BRUCE **(BATMAN)** WAYNE BELONGS, HIS OLD FRIEND, MATT CARTER, IS BEING JUDGED...


YOU'VE TOLD US OF A FANTASTIC TREK YOUR FATHER MADE IN SOUTH AMERICA THAT LED HIM TO A LOST **GOLDEN CITY**--BUT YOU HAVE NO EVIDENCE! JUST A WILD RAMBLING STORY MATT CARTER TOLD YOU!
BUT DAD HAD JUNGLE FEVER! IN HIS DELIRIUM, HE WANDERED OFF--LOST HIS SUPPLIES--HIS CAMERA, AND FILMS OF HIS JOURNEY!


IT WAS A MIRACLE THAT HE SURVIVED! HE'S STILL IN THE HOSPITAL, NOT FULLY COHERENT!
WE CERTAINLY HOPE FOR HIS SWIFT RECOVERY, TED--BUT THE CLUB RULES CLEARLY STATE THAT A CLAIM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH **PROOF!**


LATER, AS BRUCE PAYS A VISIT TO THE HOSPITAL...
WE'RE TRYING TO OVERCOME THAT JUNGLE FEVER, TED--BUT THE LOSS OF HIS RECORDS SEEMS TO BE PREYING ON YOUR FATHER'S MIND AND IS AFFECTING HIS RECOVERY!
DAD ALWAYS WANTED TO BE NOMINATED TO THE CLUB'S INNER CIRCLE! TO QUALIFY, A MEMBER MUST HAVE PERFORMED AN OUTSTANDING EXPLOIT! NOW HE'S LOST ALL HOPE...
BUT I'LL GIVE HIM HOPE! I'LL DUPLICATE HIS ADVENTURE AND BRING BACK PROOF!
WAIT! YOU CAN'T GO ON SUCH A DANGEROUS TRIP ALONE! LISTEN--I'LL TELL MY GOOD FRIENDS BATMAN AND ROBIN ABOUT THIS AND ASK THEM TO GO WITH YOU!
GOTHAM
AFTERWARD, AT CARTER'S HOME...
BATMAN, THIS IS PART OF A MAP DAD MADE OF HIS TRIP! IT'S THE ONLY RECORD OF HIS JOURNEY THAT HE BROUGHT BACK WITH HIM, APPARENTLY!
HMM! IF YOUR DAD'S MAP IS RIGHT, HIS WAS AN INCREDIBLE ADVENTURE! NOW IT'S UP TO US TO PROVE IT WAS NOT ONLY INCREDIBLE--BUT TRUE!
THE GIANT MOVING HEAD
DINOSAUR
VALLEY OF THE GOLDEN CITY
BEWARE OF THE GREAT CAT
THE NEXT MORNING, THE BAT-PLANE SETS DOWN BEFORE A MOUNTAIN, AND THE EXPLORERS CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY ON FOOT...
ACCORDING TO YOUR DAD'S MAP, WE'LL SIGHT THE MOVING HEAD ATOP THE MOUNTAIN!
AND WHEN WE DO, MY CAMERA WILL GET SOME PICTURES OF IT!
SOON, UPON THE SUMMIT...
THE GREAT STONE HEAD! AN IDOL! BUT IT'S RESTING ON A SOLID BASE! WHY SHOULD MY FATHER HAVE CALLED IT THE MOVING HEAD?
WE'LL INVESTIGATE THAT LATER! RIGHT NOW I'M HUNGRY! ROBIN, RUSTLE UP SOME FIREWOOD!
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SHORTLY AFTER ROBIN LEAVES, FIGURES SUDDENLY LEAP FROM THE JUNGLE BRUSH!
SEIZE THE INTRUDERS WHO DARE PROFANE THE FORBIDDEN TEMPLE!
NATIVES -- DRESSED LIKE ANCIENT AZTECS!
BUT AS THE FANATICAL TRIBE OVERWHELMS BATMAN AND TED...
RELEASE THEM! I DEMAND IT!
AIII! THE GOD MOVES -- AND SPEAKS!
T-THIS CANNOT BE! WHY SHOULD THE GOD DEMAND THAT WE FREE THE INTRUDERS?
NOW FLAME COMES FROM THE GOD'S MOUTH!
WE HAVE INCURRED THE GOD'S WRATH! AIII! RUN! RUN!
NOW AREN'T YOU GUYS HAPPY THAT I SAW WHAT HAPPENED ON THE WAY BACK WITH THE FIREWOOD?
ROBIN!
I WAS LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SCARE OFF THE NATIVES, AND I REMEMBERED THE MOVING HEAD YOUR FATHER MENTIONED! SO I SNEAKED INTO THE TEMPLE, AND DISCOVERED THIS SET-UP OF PULLEYS AND WHEELS BEHIND A HOLLOW IDOL!
HMM! TED'S FATHER MUST HAVE ALSO COME ACROSS IT WHEN THERE WERE NO NATIVES AROUND, AND EXPERIMENTED WITH THE MECHANISM!
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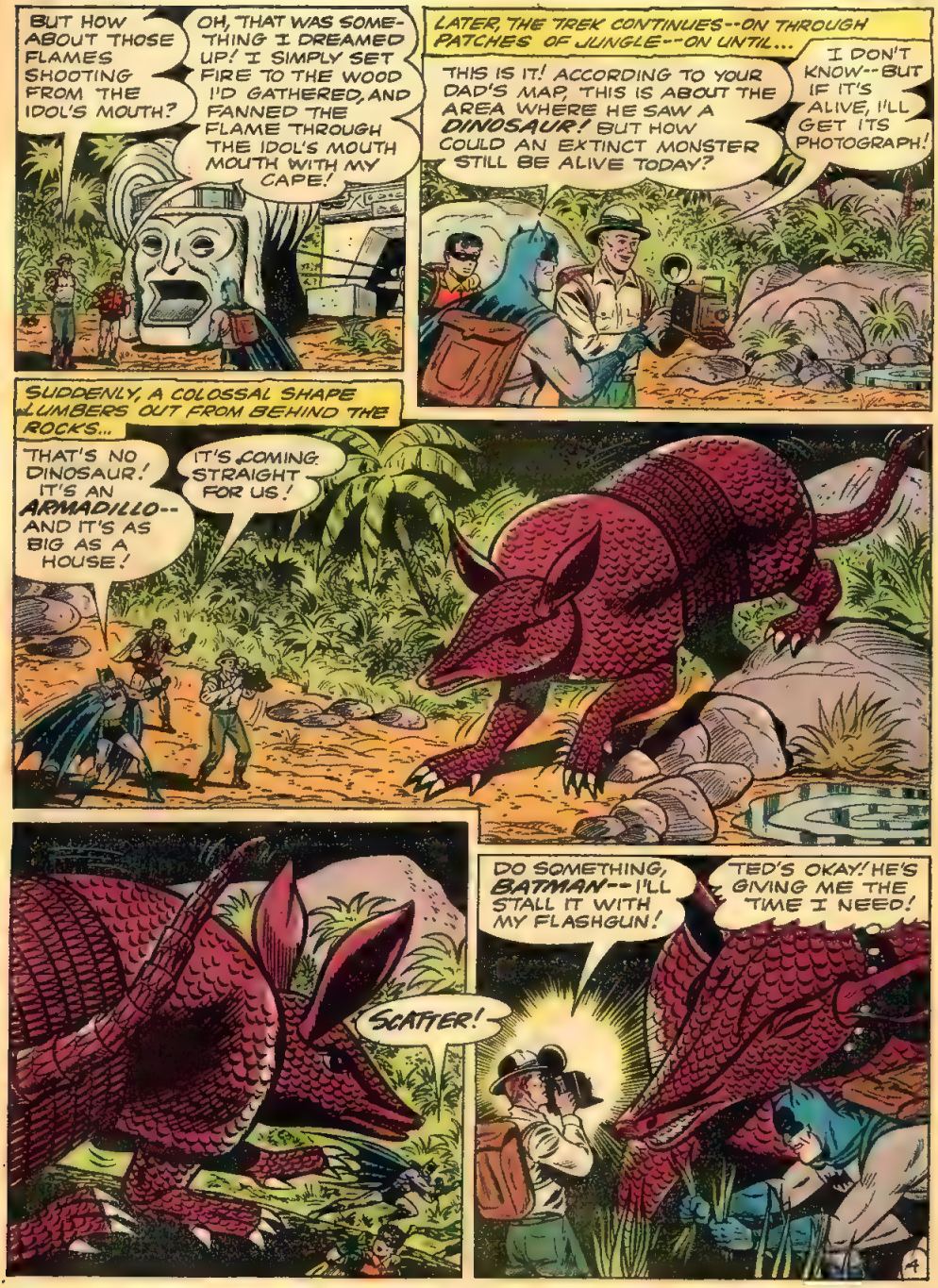
BUT HOW ABOUT THOSE FLAMES SHOOTING FROM THE IDOL'S MOUTH?
OH, THAT WAS SOMETHING I DREAMED UP! I SIMPLY SET FIRE TO THE WOOD I'D GATHERED, AND FANNED THE FLAME THROUGH THE IDOL'S MOUTH MOUTH WITH MY CAPE!
LATER, THE TREK CONTINUES--ON THROUGH PATCHES OF JUNGLE--ON UNTIL...
THIS IS IT! ACCORDING TO YOUR DAD'S MAP, THIS IS ABOUT THE AREA WHERE HE SAW A DINOSAUR! BUT HOW COULD AN EXTINCT MONSTER STILL BE ALIVE TODAY?
I DON'T KNOW--BUT IF IT'S ALIVE, I'LL GET ITS PHOTOGRAPH!
SUDDENLY, A COLOSSAL SHAPE LUMBERS OUT FROM BEHIND THE ROCKS...
THAT'S NO DINOSAUR! IT'S AN ARMADILLO--AND IT'S AS BIG AS A HOUSE!
IT'S COMING STRAIGHT FOR US!
SCATTER!
DO SOMETHING, BATMAN--I'LL STALL IT WITH MY FLASHGUN!
TED'S OKAY! HE'S GIVING ME THE TIME I NEED!
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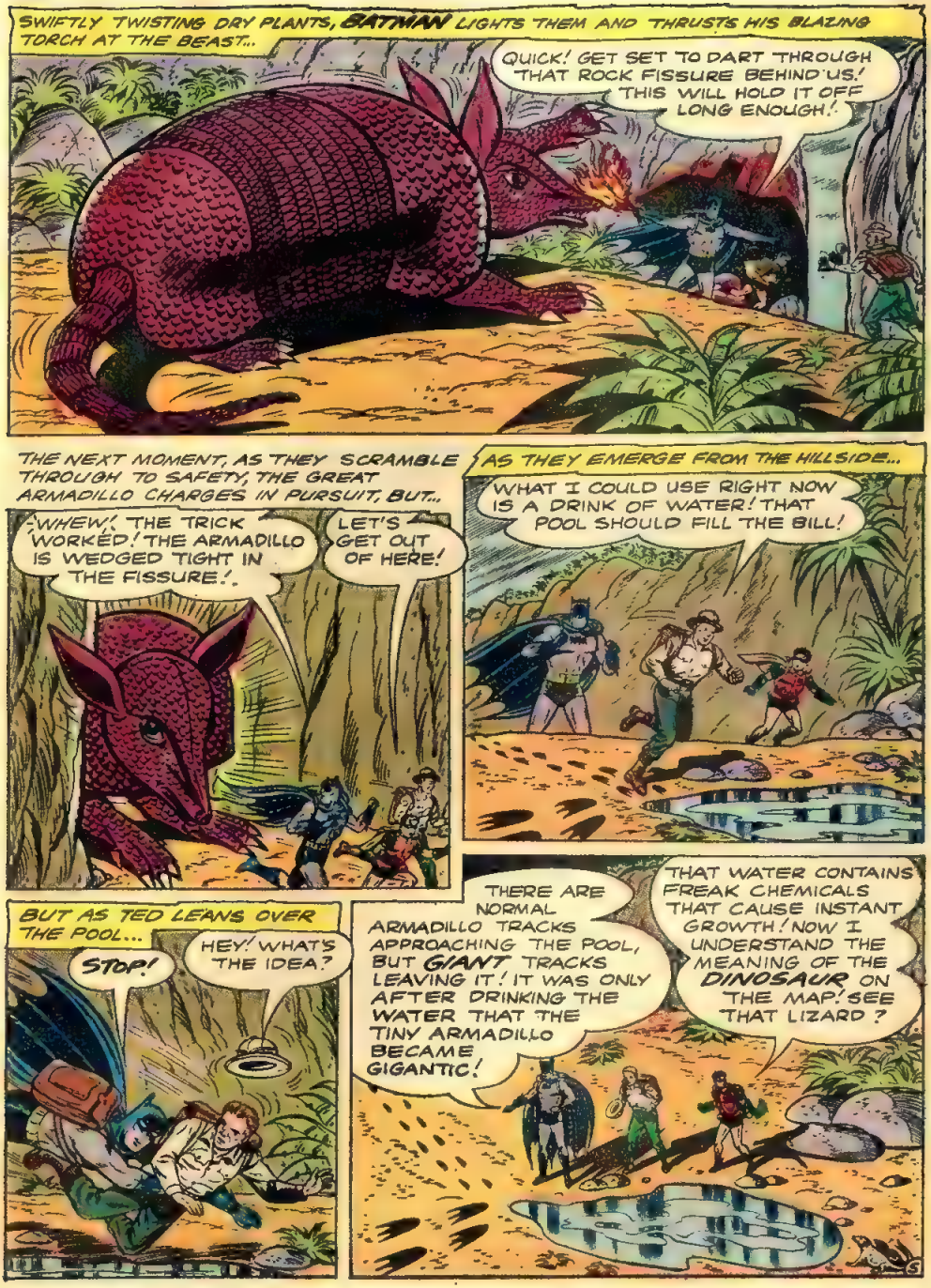
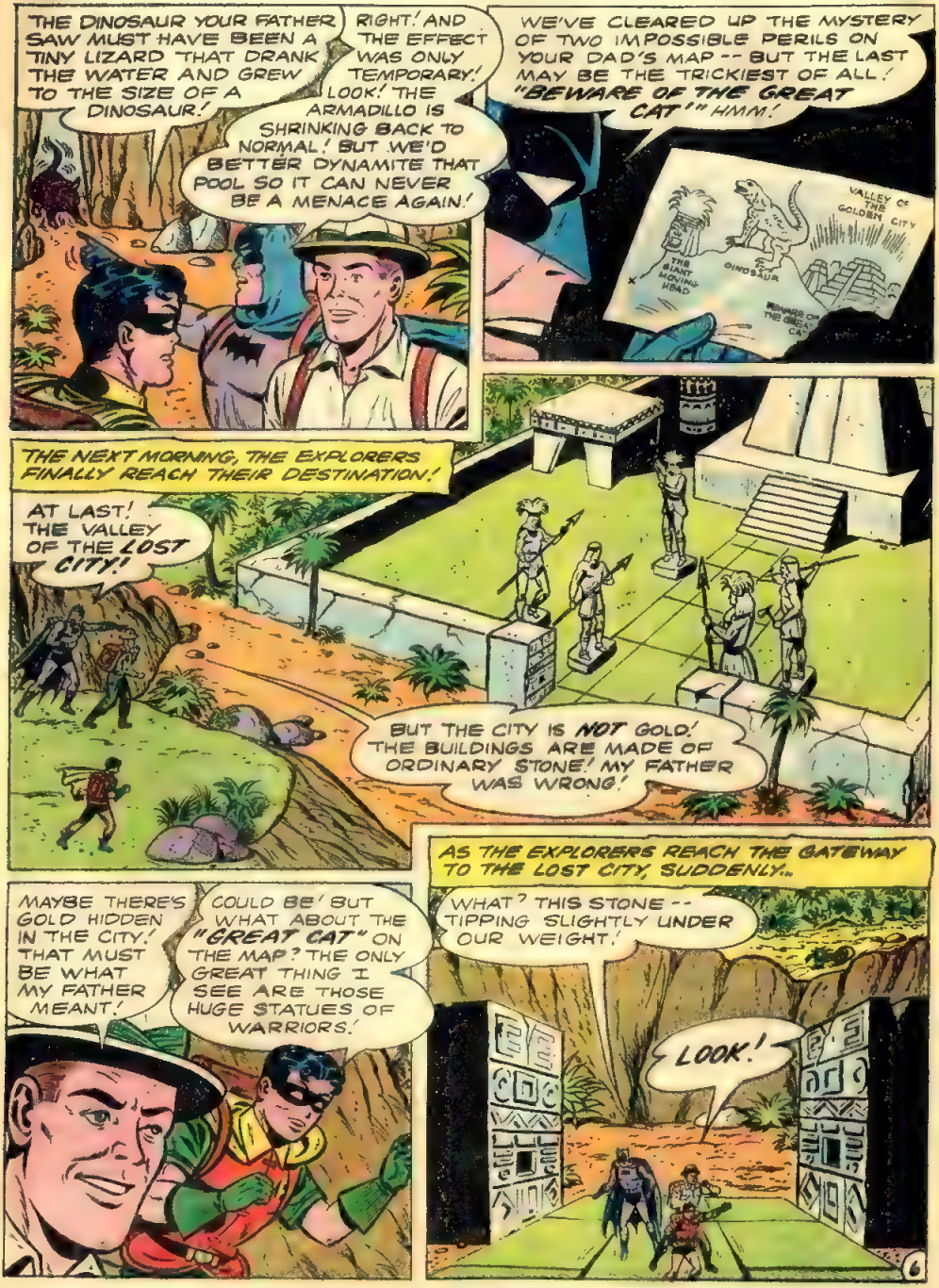

SWIFTLY TWISTING DRY PLANTS, BATMAN LIGHTS THEM AND THRUSTS HIS BLAZING TORCH AT THE BEAST...
QUICK! GET SET TO DART THROUGH THAT ROCK FISSURE BEHIND US! THIS WILL HOLD IT OFF LONG ENOUGH!
THE NEXT MOMENT, AS THEY SCRAMBLE THROUGH TO SAFETY, THE GREAT ARMADILLO CHARGES IN PURSUIT, BUT...
WHEW! THE TRICK WORKED! THE ARMADILLO IS WEDGED TIGHT IN THE FISSURE!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
AS THEY EMERGE FROM THE HILLSIDE...
WHAT I COULD USE RIGHT NOW IS A DRINK OF WATER! THAT POOL SHOULD FILL THE BILL!
BUT AS TED LEANS OVER THE POOL...
STOP!
HEY! WHAT'S THE IDEA?
THERE ARE NORMAL ARMADILLO TRACKS APPROACHING THE POOL, BUT GIANT TRACKS LEAVING IT! IT WAS ONLY AFTER DRINKING THE WATER THAT THE TINY ARMADILLO BECAME GIGANTIC!
THAT WATER CONTAINS FREAK CHEMICALS THAT CAUSE INSTANT GROWTH! NOW I UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF THE DINOSAUR ON THE MAP! SEE THAT LIZARD?


THE DINOSAUR YOUR FATHER SAW MUST HAVE BEEN A TINY LIZARD THAT DRANK THE WATER AND GREW TO THE SIZE OF A DINOSAUR!
RIGHT! AND THE EFFECT WAS ONLY TEMPORARY! LOOK! THE ARMADILLO IS SHRINKING BACK TO NORMAL! BUT WE'D BETTER DYNAMITE THAT POOL SO IT CAN NEVER BE A MENACE AGAIN!
WE'VE CLEARED UP THE MYSTERY OF TWO IMPOSSIBLE PERILS ON YOUR DAD'S MAP -- BUT THE LAST MAY BE THE TRICKIEST OF ALL! "BEWARE OF THE GREAT CAT"! HMM!
VALLEY OF THE GOLDEN CITY
THE GIANT MOVING HEAD
DINOSAUR
BEWARE OF THE GREAT CAT
THE NEXT MORNING, THE EXPLORERS FINALLY REACH THEIR DESTINATION!
AT LAST! THE VALLEY OF THE LOST CITY!
BUT THE CITY IS NOT GOLD! THE BUILDINGS ARE MADE OF ORDINARY STONE! MY FATHER WAS WRONG!
MAYBE THERE'S GOLD HIDDEN IN THE CITY! THAT MUST BE WHAT MY FATHER MEANT!
COULD BE! BUT WHAT ABOUT THE "GREAT CAT" ON THE MAP? THE ONLY GREAT THING I SEE ARE THOSE HUGE STATUES OF WARRIORS!
AS THE EXPLORERS REACH THE GATEWAY TO THE LOST CITY, SUDDENLY..
WHAT? THIS STONE -- TIPPING SLIGHTLY UNDER OUR WEIGHT!
LOOK!
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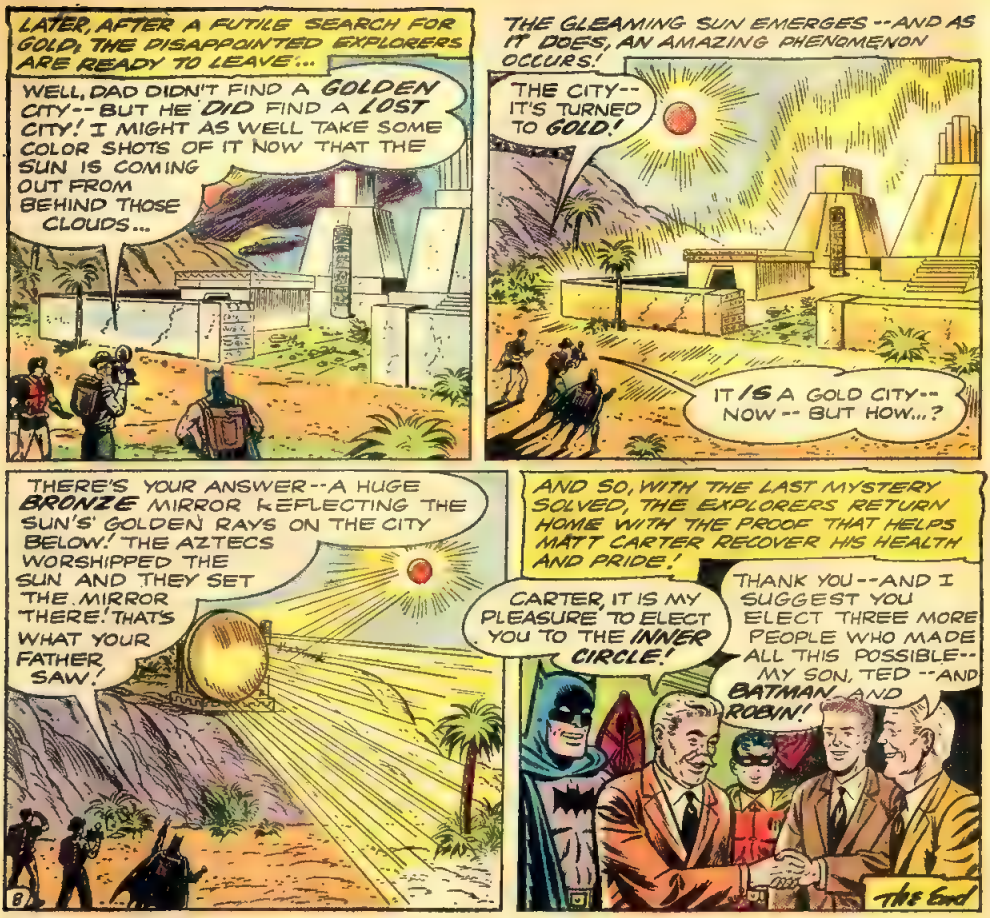
THE STATUES--THEY'RE FLYING THROUGH THE AIR!
THEY'RE GOING TO CRASH DOWN ON THIS GATEWAY! OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO DASH FORWARD--NOW!
CRASH
CRASH
WOW!
SHAKILY RISING, AND INSPECTING THE STONES UPON WHICH THE STATUES ONCE STOOD...
UNDERGROUND CATAPULTS." BEWARE OF THE GREAT CATAPULTS" IS WHAT DAD ACTUALLY WROTE, BUT THAT PART OF HIS MAP WAS TORN AWAY!
THE CATAPULTS WERE RIGGED BY THE ANCIENT AZTECS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST HOSTILE INTRUDERS! BUT THEY MUST HAVE ABANDONED THIS CITY--PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THE ARMY OF THE SPANISH CONQUISTADORS WAS COMING!
THAT STONE WE STEPPED ON AT THE GATE--WAS THE TRIGGER! BUT WHY DIDN'T MY FATHER SET OFF THE TRIGGER, TOO?
BECAUSE IT WAS OBVIOUSLY SET FOR THE COMBINED WEIGHT OF AT LEAST THREE INTRUDERS! YOUR FATHER UNDOUBTEDLY LEARNED THE SECRET WHILE EXPLORING THE CITY!


LATER, AFTER A FUTILE SEARCH FOR GOLD, THE DISAPPOINTED EXPLORERS ARE READY TO LEAVE...
WELL, DAD DIDN'T FIND A GOLDEN CITY-- BUT HE DID FIND A LOST CITY! I MIGHT AS WELL TAKE SOME COLOR SHOTS OF IT NOW THAT THE SUN IS COMING OUT FROM BEHIND THOSE CLOUDS...
THE GLEAMING SUN EMERGES --AND AS IT DOES, AN AMAZING PHENOMENON OCCURS!
THE CITY-- IT'S TURNED TO GOLD!
IT IS A GOLD CITY-- NOW -- BUT HOW...?
THERE'S YOUR ANSWER--A HUGE BRONZE MIRROR REFLECTING THE SUN'S GOLDEN RAYS ON THE CITY BELOW! THE AZTECS WORSHIPPED THE SUN AND THEY SET THE MIRROR THERE! THAT'S WHAT YOUR FATHER SAW!
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AND SO, WITH THE LAST MYSTERY SOLVED, THE EXPLORERS RETURN HOME WITH THE PROOF THAT HELPS MATT CARTER RECOVER HIS HEALTH AND PRIDE!
CARTER, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO ELECT YOU TO THE INNER CIRCLE!
THANK YOU--AND I SUGGEST YOU ELECT THREE MORE PEOPLE WHO MADE ALL THIS POSSIBLE-- MY SON, TED --AND BATMAN AND ROBIN!
THE End

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Dear Editor: Wow! How did you do it? I'm talking about the way you created the perfect stories, "Return of the Penguin," and "Batman's Psychic Twin." More of the Penguin, please.

Philip Miller, Gadsden, Ala.

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Dear Editor: The May BATMAN was a collector's item. The cover stood out from the rest. "Return of the Penguin" was a story which brought back old memories. It showed that much time was put into the story. "Batman's Psychic Twin" was also well prepared and had lots of action and suspense . . . The April DETECTIVE and May WORLD'S FINEST were at their best and I enjoyed them.

Clarence Barkley, Portsmouth, Va.

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Dear Editor: BRAVO on BATMAN No. 155! "Return of the Penguin" was the best yet. I still do not understand, though, how the Penguin escaped when Robin's Whirly-Bat was wrecked and Robin landed on the wing of the blimp. In the other story, "Batman's Psychic Twin," I don't understand why Batman did not die when Jo-Jo was suffocated under the sand.

Thomas Thek, Oceanside, L. I.

(I suggest that you, and others who sometimes are not clear about some points, read the stories more carefully in the future. Both points, you'll see, are covered. The Penguin escaped by sending out a balloon-dummy of the Penguin which lured Batman away, enabling the real Penguin and his henchmen to overcome Robin, when the deflated blimp was forced to descend. In the other story, Batman had already found the antidote to the psychical phenomenon and pretended to be dead when Jo-Jo died.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I think that a few criminal teams would improve your magazine, such as: The Joker and Clayface; the Human Firefly and Mirror Man; and Mr. Polka-Dot and The Planet Master. And it would be more thrilling to see one of these teams in a 2 or 3-part story.

Dennis Bova, Ambridge, Pa.

(Part of your wish has been anticipated. The very next BATMAN COMICS, No. 159, features a 2-part adventure, "The Great Clayface-Joker Feud." As the title indicates, these famous villains don't team up, but I'm sure you won't mind that when you read the twists and turns we have in store for you.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Do you think it's possible to put Batwoman and Bat-Girl in more stories? And have Batman II and Robin II more often.

Pat Romanelli, Sharon Hill, Pa.

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Dear Editor: I have read many of the Batman stories published, and I am getting to like them more and more. However, I should like to see more of Bat-Girl and Batwoman. I have only read one with them in it.

Marti Kniest, Edmonds, Washington

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Dear Editor: Will you kindly let me know why Batman, Robin and Batwoman wear gloves, although Bat-Girl doesn't? Crooks could take her fingerprints and find out her secret identity.

Joseph Mattarella, Valley Stream, N.Y.

(You're quite right. Bat-Girl wasn't a regular member of the Batman family, but since she will appear more frequently, she certainly should wear gloves to prevent fingerprints, and in fact she does in the story mentioned previously, "The Great Clayface-Joker Feud." An additional treat in that issue, by the way, is another Alfred story, dealing with "The Boyhood of Bruce Wayne, Jr."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I've just read "The Jungle Man of Gotham City," and I think it is very good. The best part is when the rhino crashes into the Batmobile. I also read "The Return of the Penguin," and "Beasts of the Supernatural," and I think they're both good, too. Could you give us a preview of what's coming?

Wesley Machulis, Chicago, Ill.

(We've already mentioned the Nov. BATMAN. In DETECTIVE, for Oct., we're having a very unusual story, "Batman and Robin, the Mummy Crime-Fighters!" And for Nov. DETECTIVE, you can look forward to "The Return of the Terrible Trio," featuring the Fox, the Shark and the Vulture. WORLD'S FINEST for Nov. will feature a 2-part Superman-Batman-Robin adventure. "Superman's Master." On sale now in Sept. WORLD'S FINEST is "The Batman Nobody Remembered," and in Sept. DETECTIVE, "The Fantastic Dr. No-Face."—Ed.)

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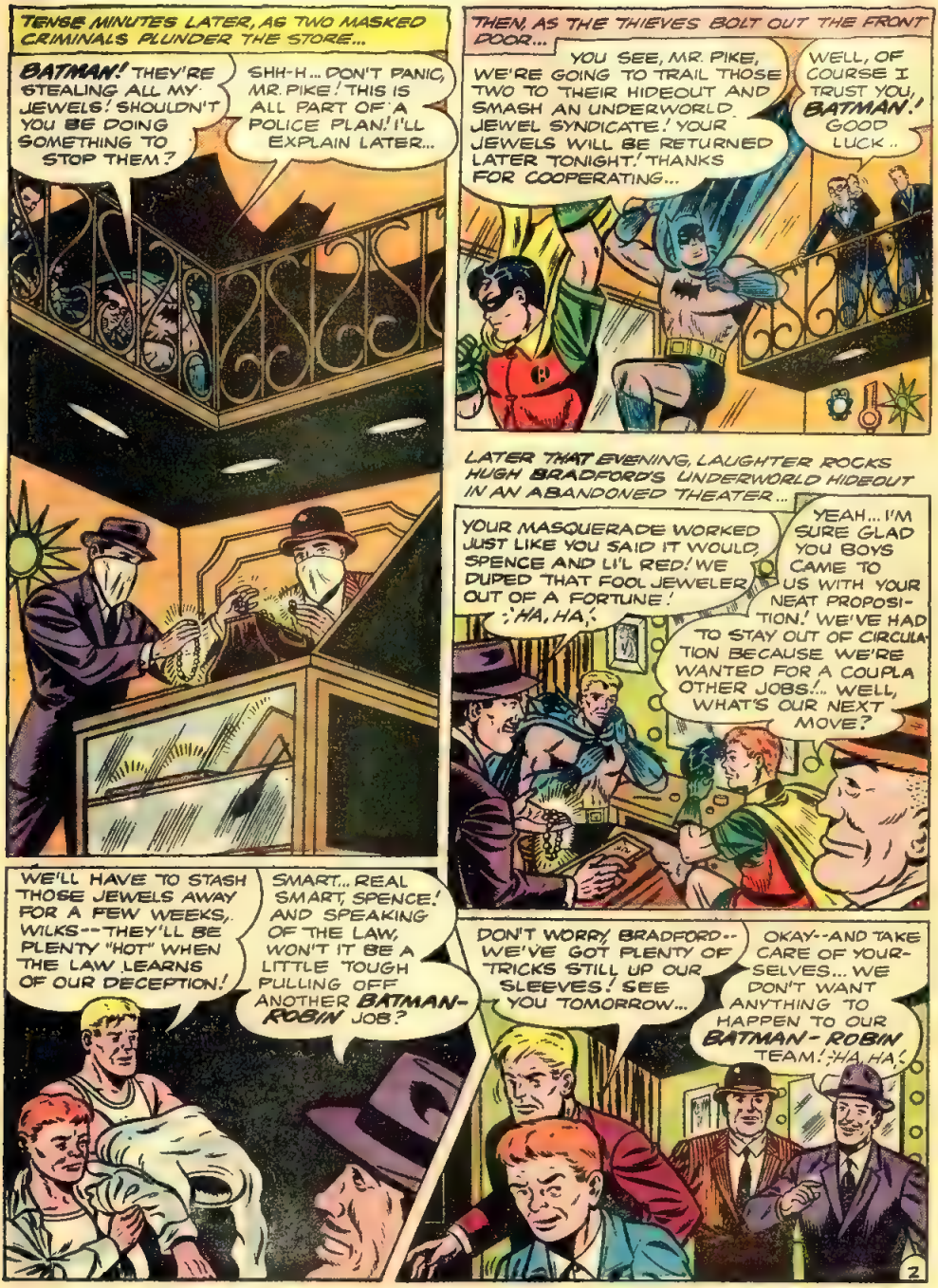
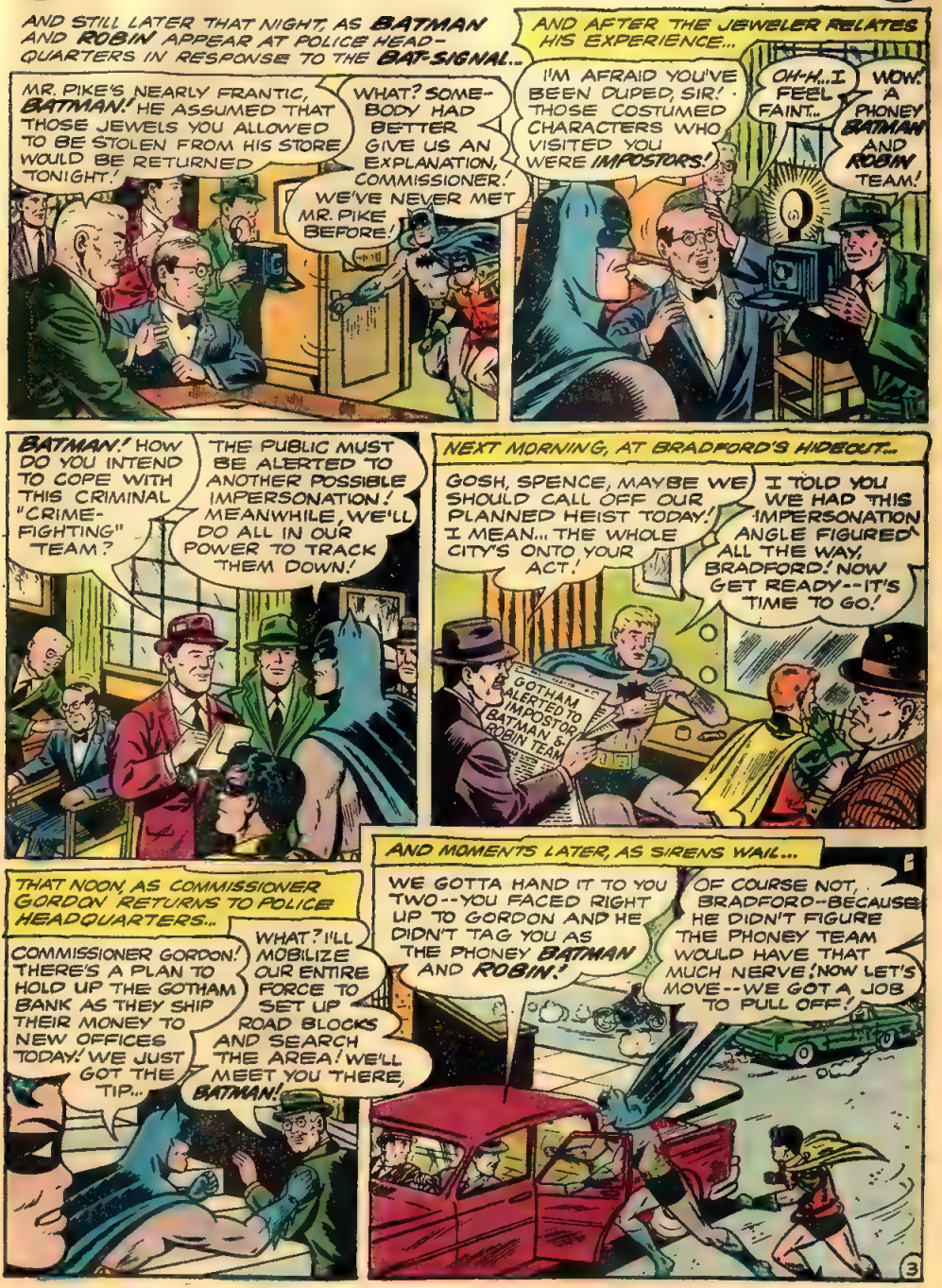
BOB KANE

AS THE GOTHAM CITY CLOCK TOLLS S/X P.M., TWO FAMILIAR FIGURES MAKE AN URGENT ENTRANCE INTO A SWANK JEWELRY STORE...

MR. PIKE! I'VE JUST LEARNED THAT YOUR STORE IS ABOUT TO BE ROBBED AT ANY MOMENT! HURRY--YOU AND YOUR ASSISTANT MUST TAKE COVER!

O-OF COURSE, BATMAN! ANYTHING YOU SAY!


TENSE MINUTES LATER, AS TWO MASKED CRIMINALS PLUNDER THE STORE...
BATMAN! THEY'RE STEALING ALL MY JEWELS! SHOULDN'T YOU BE DOING SOMETHING TO STOP THEM?
SHH-H... DON'T PANIC, MR. PIKE! THIS IS ALL PART OF A POLICE PLAN! I'LL EXPLAIN LATER...
THEN, AS THE THIEVES BOLT OUT THE FRONT DOOR...
YOU SEE, MR. PIKE, WE'RE GOING TO TRAIL THOSE TWO TO THEIR HIDEOUT AND SMASH AN UNDERWORLD JEWEL SYNDICATE! YOUR JEWELS WILL BE RETURNED LATER TONIGHT! THANKS FOR COOPERATING...
WELL, OF COURSE I TRUST YOU, BATMAN! GOOD LUCK..
LATER THAT EVENING, LAUGHTER ROCKS HUGH BRADFORD'S UNDERWORLD HIDEOUT IN AN ABANDONED THEATER...
YOUR MASQUERADE WORKED JUST LIKE YOU SAID IT WOULD, SPENCE AND LI'L RED! WE DUPED THAT FOOL JEWELER OUT OF A FORTUNE! ;HA, HA,;
YEAH... I'M SURE GLAD YOU BOYS CAME TO US WITH YOUR NEAT PROPOSITION! WE'VE HAD TO STAY OUT OF CIRCULATION BECAUSE WE'RE WANTED FOR A COUPLA OTHER JOBS!... WELL, WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE?
WE'LL HAVE TO STASH THOSE JEWELS AWAY FOR A FEW WEEKS, WILKS--THEY'LL BE PLENTY "HOT" WHEN THE LAW LEARNS OF OUR DECEPTION!
SMART... REAL SMART, SPENCE! AND SPEAKING OF THE LAW, WON'T IT BE A LITTLE TOUGH PULLING OFF ANOTHER BATMAN-ROBIN JOB?
DON'T WORRY, BRADFORD--WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF TRICKS STILL UP OUR SLEEVES! SEE YOU TOMORROW...
OKAY--AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES... WE DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO HAPPEN TO OUR BATMAN-ROBIN TEAM! ;HA, HA,;


AND STILL LATER THAT NIGHT, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN APPEAR AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN RESPONSE TO THE BAT-SIGNAL...
MR. PIKE'S NEARLY FRANTIC, BATMAN! HE ASSUMED THAT THOSE JEWELS YOU ALLOWED TO BE STOLEN FROM HIS STORE WOULD BE RETURNED TONIGHT.
WHAT? SOMEBODY HAD BETTER GIVE US AN EXPLANATION, COMMISSIONER!
WE'VE NEVER MET MR. PIKE BEFORE!
AND AFTER THE JEWELER RELATES HIS EXPERIENCE...
I'M AFRAID YOU'VE BEEN DUPED, SIR! THOSE COSTUMED CHARACTERS WHO VISITED YOU WERE IMPOSTORS!
OH-H...I FEEL FAINT...
WOW! A PHONEY BATMAN AND ROBIN TEAM!
BATMAN! HOW DO YOU INTEND TO COPE WITH THIS CRIMINAL "CRIME-FIGHTING" TEAM?
THE PUBLIC MUST BE ALERTED TO ANOTHER POSSIBLE IMPERSONATION! MEANWHILE, WE'LL DO ALL IN OUR POWER TO TRACK THEM DOWN!
NEXT MORNING, AT BRADFORD'S HIDEOUT...
GOSH, SPENCE, MAYBE WE SHOULD CALL OFF OUR PLANNED HEIST TODAY! I MEAN... THE WHOLE CITY'S ONTO YOUR ACT!
I TOLD YOU WE HAD THIS IMPERSONATION ANGLE FIGURED ALL THE WAY, BRADFORD! NOW GET READY--IT'S TIME TO GO!
GOTHAM ALERTED TO IMPOSTOR BATMAN & ROBIN TEAM
THAT NOON, AS COMMISSIONER GORDON RETURNS TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
COMMISSIONER GORDON! THERE'S A PLAN TO HOLD UP THE GOTHAM BANK AS THEY SHIP THEIR MONEY TO NEW OFFICES TODAY! WE JUST GOT THE TIP...
WHAT? I'LL MOBILIZE OUR ENTIRE FORCE TO SET UP ROAD BLOCKS AND SEARCH THE AREA! WE'LL MEET YOU THERE, BATMAN!
AND MOMENTS LATER, AS SIRENS WAIL...
WE GOTTA HAND IT TO YOU TWO--YOU FACED RIGHT UP TO GORDON AND HE DIDN'T TAG YOU AS THE PHONEY BATMAN AND ROBIN!
OF COURSE NOT, BRADFORD--BECAUSE HE DIDN'T FIGURE THE PHONEY TEAM WOULD HAVE THAT MUCH NERVE! NOW LET'S MOVE--WE GOT A JOB TO PULL OFF!
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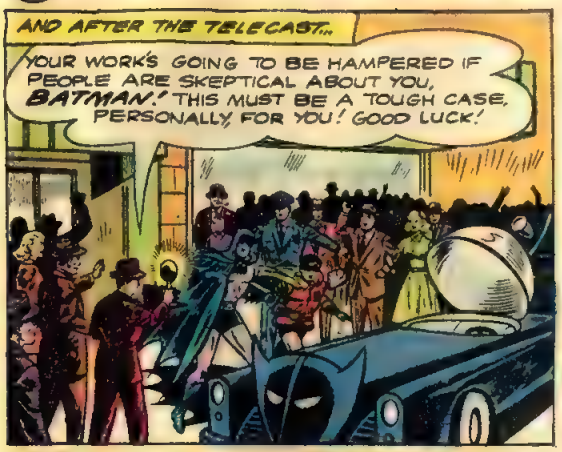
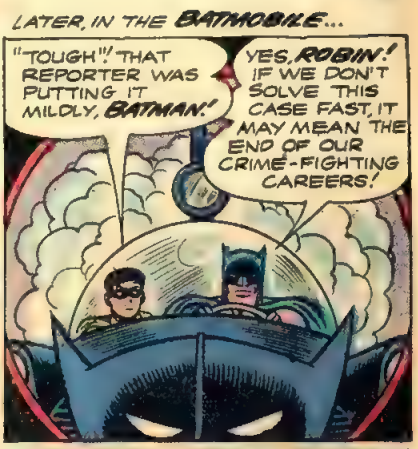
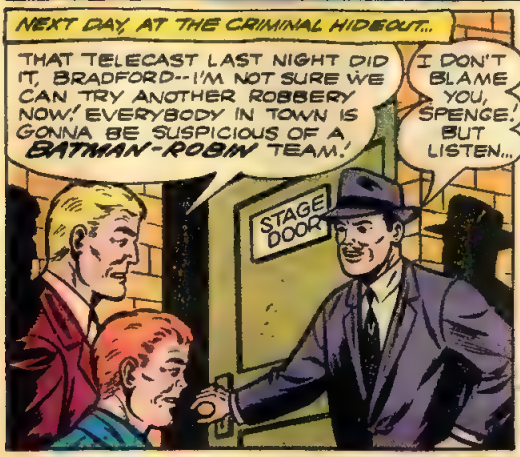
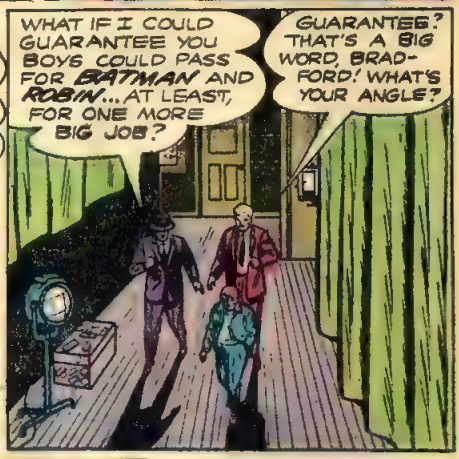
LATER, AS THE GOTHAM POLICE FORCE CONCENTRATES IN ANOTHER AREA...
HA, HA! SPENCE HAD THIS CASED RIGHT--EVERYBODY WAS OUT TO LUNCH! ONCE WE REACH THE CAR, THIS LOOT IS ALL OURS!
YEAH... EVERY COP ON WHEELS IS DOWNTOWN SETTING UP ROAD BLOCKS TO STOP THAT PHONEY BANK HOLDUP... HUH?
LOANS
TWEE TWEE
THE COP ON THE BEAT--HE'S SPOTTED US!
SO WHO'S WORRYING? OUR BATMAN AND ROBIN TEAM WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM...
TWEE TWEE
OFFICER! CUT DOWN THAT ALLEY YOU'RE PASSING!
THERE ARE OUR "CRIME-FIGHTING" BUDDIES NOW! HA, HA!
ROBIN AND I WILL GO DOWN THIS ALLEY--AND WE'LL HAVE THE THIEVES BOTTLED UP!
RIGHT! YOU BOYS MUST BE THE REAL BATMAN AND ROBIN TO PULL OFF THOSE ACROBATICS!
SPLIT SECONDS LATER, AS THE FAMILIAR CRIME-FIGHTERS' COWL AND MASK ARE REMOVED...
YOUR MASQUERADE CLICKED AGAIN, SPENCER... LI'L RED! THOSE ACROBATIC SOMERSAULTS FOOLED THE COP!
SURE, WE TRAINED MONTHS FOR THIS, BOYS! IF YOU'RE GONNA IMPERSONATE SOMEONE, YOU GOTTA ACT THE PART! LET'S SCRAM OUT OF HERE!
THAT EVENING, AS GOTHAM TV CAMERAS FOCUS ON A GRIM-FACED BATMAN AND ROBIN...
WE URGE EVERY CITIZEN AND POLICE OFFICER TO CHECK AND DOUBLE-CHECK THE BATMAN-ROBIN TEAM IF AND WHEN YOU SEE THEM IN ACTION...
AND IF THERE'S ANY SUSPICION THAT IT IS THE IMPOSTOR TEAM, PLEASE CALL POLICE HEADQUARTERS AT ONCE! THANKS, FOLKS...

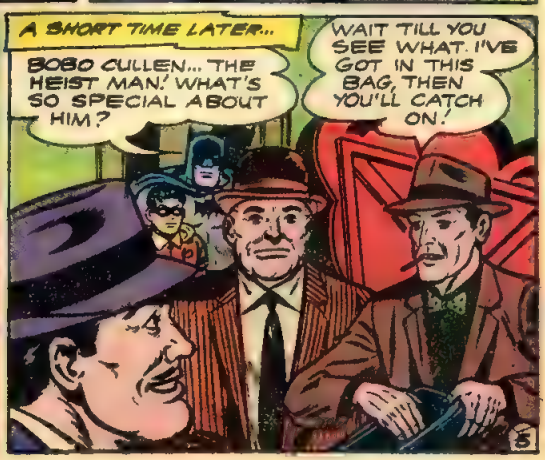

AND AFTER THE TELECAST...
YOUR WORK'S GOING TO BE HAMPERED IF PEOPLE ARE SKEPTICAL ABOUT YOU, BATMAN! THIS MUST BE A TOUGH CASE, PERSONALLY, FOR YOU! GOOD LUCK!

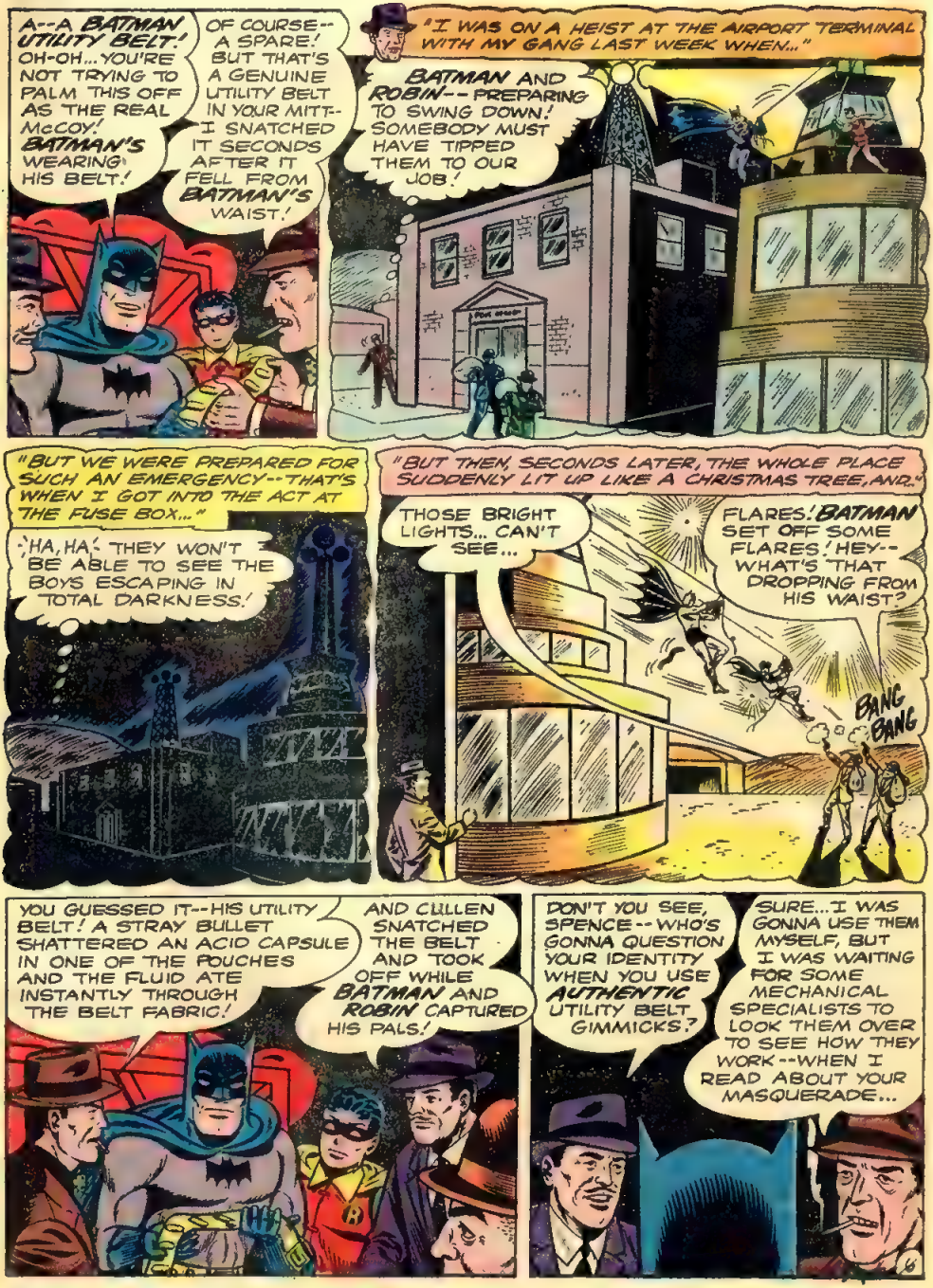

LATER, IN THE BATMOBILE...
"TOUGH"! THAT REPORTER WAS PUTTING IT MILDLY, BATMAN!
YES, ROBIN! IF WE DON'T SOLVE THIS CASE FAST, IT MAY MEAN THE END OF OUR CRIME-FIGHTING CAREERS!


NEXT DAY, AT THE CRIMINAL HIDEOUT...
THAT TELECAST LAST NIGHT DID IT, BRADFORD--I'M NOT SURE WE CAN TRY ANOTHER ROBBERY NOW! EVERYBODY IN TOWN IS GONNA BE SUSPICIOUS OF A BATMAN-ROBIN TEAM!
I DON'T BLAME YOU, SPENCE! BUT LISTEN...
STAGE DOOR

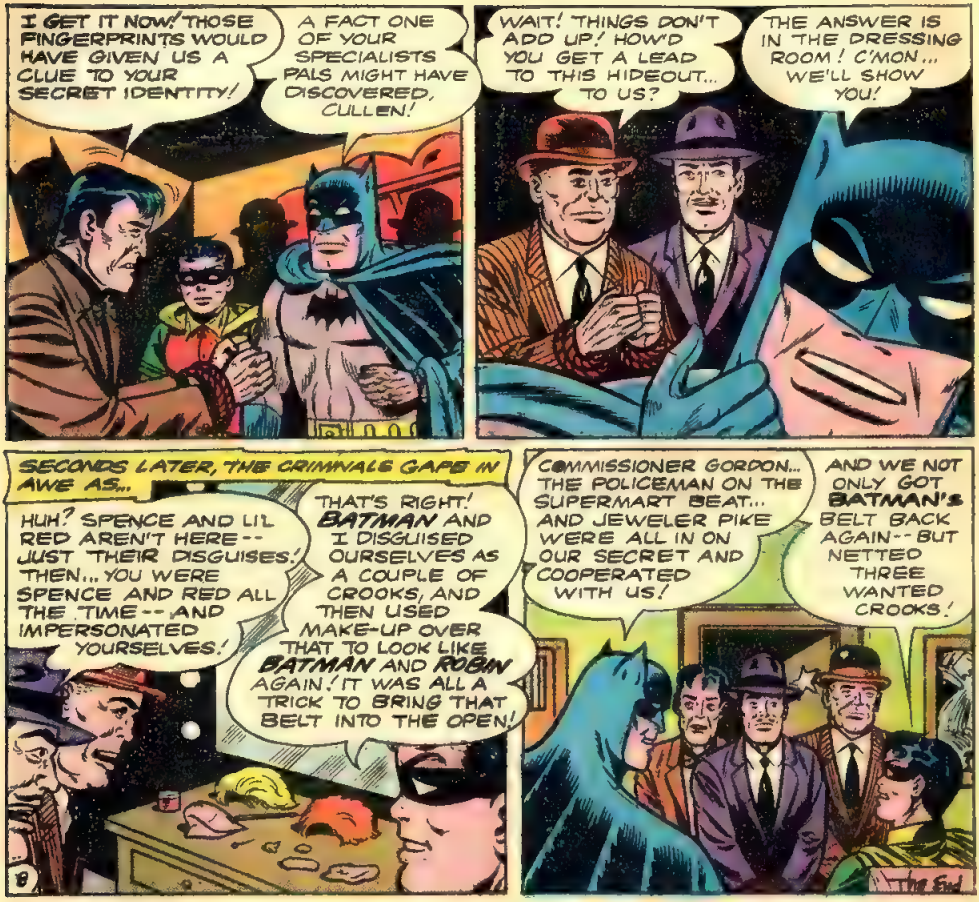

WHAT IF I COULD GUARANTEE YOU BOYS COULD PASS FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN... AT LEAST, FOR ONE MORE BIG JOB?
GUARANTEE? THAT'S A BIG WORD, BRADFORD! WHAT'S YOUR ANGLE?

WILKS IS ON HIS WAY HERE WITH A GUY I WANT YOU TO MEET! MEANWHILE, GET INTO YOUR COSTUME OUTFITS... I GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU!


A SHORT TIME LATER...
BOBO CULLEN... THE HEIST MAN! WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT HIM?
WAIT TILL YOU SEE WHAT I'VE GOT IN THIS BAG, THEN YOU'LL CATCH ON!


A--A BATMAN UTILITY BELT! OH-OH... YOU'RE NOT TRYING TO PALM THIS OFF AS THE REAL McCOY! BATMAN'S WEARING HIS BELT!
OF COURSE-- A SPARE! BUT THAT'S A GENUINE UTILITY BELT IN YOUR MITT-- I SNATCHED IT SECONDS AFTER IT FELL FROM BATMAN'S WAIST!
"I WAS ON A HEIST AT THE AIRPORT TERMINAL WITH MY GANG LAST WEEK WHEN..."
BATMAN AND ROBIN-- PREPARING TO SWING DOWN! SOMEBODY MUST HAVE TIPPED THEM TO OUR JOB!
"BUT WE WERE PREPARED FOR SUCH AN EMERGENCY--THAT'S WHEN I GOT INTO THE ACT AT THE FUSE BOX..."
HA, HA! THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE THE BOYS ESCAPING IN TOTAL DARKNESS!
"BUT THEN, SECONDS LATER, THE WHOLE PLACE SUDDENLY LIT UP LIKE A CHRISTMAS TREE, AND--"
THOSE BRIGHT LIGHTS... CAN'T SEE...
FLARES! BATMAN SET OFF SOME FLARES! HEY-- WHAT'S THAT DROPPING FROM HIS WAIST?
BANG BANG
YOU GUESSED IT--HIS UTILITY BELT! A STRAY BULLET SHATTERED AN ACID CAPSULE IN ONE OF THE POUCHES AND THE FLUID ATE INSTANTLY THROUGH THE BELT FABRIC!
AND CULLEN SNATCHED THE BELT AND TOOK OFF WHILE BATMAN AND ROBIN CAPTURED HIS PALS!
DON'T YOU SEE, SPENCE-- WHO'S GONNA QUESTION YOUR IDENTITY WHEN YOU USE AUTHENTIC UTILITY BELT GIMMICKS?
SURE... I WAS GONNA USE THEM MYSELF, BUT I WAS WAITING FOR SOME MECHANICAL SPECIALISTS TO LOOK THEM OVER TO SEE HOW THEY WORK--WHEN I READ ABOUT YOUR MASQUERADE...

I REALIZED YOU BOYS COULD PUT THE BELT TO GOOD USE AS THE PHONEY BATMAN AND ROBIN! SO I PASSED THE WORD ALONG THE GRAPE-VINE AND MADE CONTACT WITH BRADFORD AND WILKS!
AND CULLEN'S ONLY ASKING ONE-THIRD "TAKE" FOR THE JOB WE PULL, SPENCE! NOW HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO FIGURE OUT THOSE BELT GADGETS?
JUST ABOUT... ONE SECOND, BOYS!
LOOK OUT! HE'S ACCIDENTALLY TRIGGERED SOME-THING IN THE UTILITY BELT!
FULLSSH
A SMOKE-BOMB CAPSULE, TO BE EXACT, CULLEN -- SO WE COULD SCREEN OUR ATTACK!
H-HUH? IT'S THE REAL BATMAN AND ROBIN! THEY MUST HAVE JUMPED SPENCE AND LI'L RED IN THE DRESSING ROOM!
THEN, AS THE BEWILDERED CRIMINALS ARE BOUND...
I DON'T GET IT! HOW COME YOU DIDN'T JUMP US RIGHT OFF... INSTEAD OF SHOOTING THE BREEZE?
BECAUSE I WANTED TO FIND OUT IF ANYBODY HAD TAMPERED WITH MY UTILITY BELT! YOU SEE, CULLEN, SOME-THING HAPPENED AT THE AIRPORT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT...
"WHEN YOU SHORT-CIRCUITED THOSE LIGHTS, I ATTEMPTED TO TRIGGER MY UTILITY BELT FLARE-CAPSULE, BUT.."
HURRY, BATMAN! IF WE DON'T GET A FLARE OFF SOON, THOSE CRIMINALS WILL ESCAPE!
SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THE MECHANISM, ROBIN! IT WON'T TELESCOPE FOR FIRING! PERHAPS I CAN REPAIR IT QUICKLY...
"BUT TO MAKE THE REPAIR I HAD TO REMOVE MY GLOVE.."
NO TIME TO WIPE MY FINGER-PRINTS OFF THE CAPSULE NOW... I'LL DO IT AFTER WE TAKE THE GANG!


I GET IT NOW! THOSE FINGERPRINTS WOULD HAVE GIVEN US A CLUE TO YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!
A FACT ONE OF YOUR SPECIALISTS PALS MIGHT HAVE DISCOVERED, CULLEN!
WAIT! THINGS DON'T ADD UP! HOW'D YOU GET A LEAD TO THIS HIDEOUT... TO US?
THE ANSWER IS IN THE DRESSING ROOM! C'MON... WE'LL SHOW YOU!
SECONDS LATER, THE CRIMINALS GAPE IN AWE AS...
HUH? SPENCE AND LIL' RED AREN'T HERE -- JUST THEIR DISGUISES! THEN... YOU WERE SPENCE AND RED ALL THE TIME -- AND IMPERSONATED YOURSELVES!
THAT'S RIGHT! BATMAN AND I DISGUISED OURSELVES AS A COUPLE OF CROOKS, AND THEN USED MAKE-UP OVER THAT TO LOOK LIKE BATMAN AND ROBIN AGAIN! IT WAS ALL A TRICK TO BRING THAT BELT INTO THE OPEN!
COMMISSIONER GORDON... THE POLICEMAN ON THE SUPERMART BEAT... AND JEWELER PIKE WERE ALL IN ON OUR SECRET AND COOPERATED WITH US!
AND WE NOT ONLY GOT BATMAN'S BELT BACK AGAIN -- BUT NETTED THREE WANTED CROOKS!
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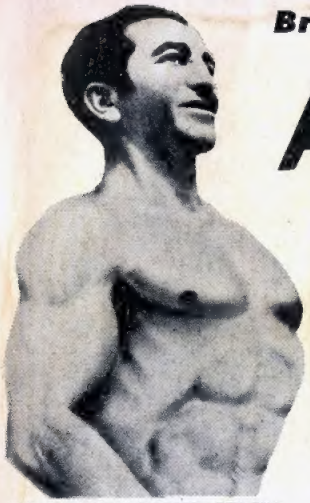

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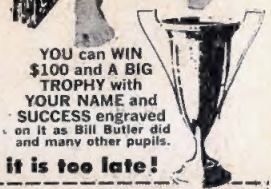

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